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I understand that a resolution to boycott an American company (HP Enterprise) will be presented to the City Council Monday evening April 23. Please do not vote for such a disturbing action!

First, there has been **no public discussion in Cambridge** of such a drastic and controversial action, to my knowledge. Second, this "Mass against HP" resolution is being advanced as part of a nation-wide "Boycott Divest and Sanction" movement which attempts to support Palestinian rights by targeting Israeli rights. The Palestinian issue is complex, and no action should be taken without listening to opinions from experts on all sides. From what I understand, this BDS movement is highly anti-Semitic. Countervailing voices should be listened to. Nationally, Pres. Obama, Secy. Kerry, and Senators Elizabeth Warren, Markey and Sanders have all **opposed** this BDS movement.

There are human rights abuses in many countries around the world. We in Cambridge cannot solve all the world's problems. Cambridge City Councilors should focus on the local issues that reflect the true needs of our community.

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